

Why we need Windows apps ported on Linux

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Novell has had one of those amazingly simple ideas that make you ask: "Why didn't I think of that?" The Linux vendor is using its Cool Solutions community-relations website to conduct an online public survey to determine which Windows-only applications people want to run on their Linux systems.

Yes, this kind of survey has been done before, but to the best of my knowledge, no major Linux vendor has ever done it. It's one thing when Linux Lovers of Outer Mongolia puts together a survey; it's another thing entirely when a billion-dollar software company does it.

And, better still, Novell will be approaching ISVs (independent software vendors) with this information in hand saying, "See, here's your customers, now, how about doing some porting?"

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